

Southwest Tribal Leadership Conference

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Albuquerque, NM
July 26-28, 2011

"After the Assessments: Next Steps"

AGENDA

Tuesday, 26 July

7:30 **Arrival and Registration**

8:30 **Opening Ceremonies:**

- Posting of the Colors: Santo Domingo Color Guard
- Opening Prayer: Floyd Tortalita, Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance; Vice-Chairman, National American Indian Housing Council; and Executive Director, Acoma Housing Authority
- Eagle Dance and Vocal Demonstration: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

9:15 **Welcomes:**

- To the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- To the Conference: Mike Chavez, President, Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance; Executive Director, Zuni Housing Authority

9:30 **Greetings:**

- Paula A. Lincoln, Acting Director and David Carradini, Program Advisor HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Alexia Kelley, Deputy Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Carolyn O'Neil, Regional Administrator, HUD Southwest Office of Native American Programs

10:00 **Break** (with light refreshments)

10:15 **REMARKS:**

- Derrith Watchman-Moore, the HUD Secretary's Policy Advisor on Tribal Affairs, Regional Administrator, Region VII
- The Hon. Arthur Allison, The New Mexico Secretary for Indian Affairs

11:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

- Diana Yazzie-Devine, CEO, Native American Connections, Phoenix, AZ

12:00 **Lunch** – sponsored by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority

1:15

Break

1:30

AFTERNOON PANEL DISCUSSIONS

These discussions, and those of tomorrow morning, are led by Native leaders and composed of experts who are Native or well-experienced in working with tribes and tribal entities.

Developing Financial Capacity *This panel discusses best practices and consider ways that tribes can develop reservation-based financial institutions and foster culturally appropriate personal financial literacy for enrolled tribal members.*

Eric Schmieder, Tribal Land Specialist, NM Mortgage Finance Authority, Moderator; Shawn Spruce, Programs Consultant to First Nations Development Institute; Andrea V. Dunyon, Loan Guarantee Coordinator, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Marvin Ginn; Executive Director, Native Community Finance

3:00

Break (with light refreshments)

3:15

Developing Economic Opportunities for Tribal Members *This panel discusses best practices and strategies for developing businesses and enterprises owned by tribes and enrolled tribal members as a means of wealth generation and preservation and workforce development in culturally appropriate ways*

David Carradini, Program Advisor, HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Moderator; Deborah Webster, consultant; Stacey Epperson, President & CEO, Next Step Network, LLC; Paul Torres, 1st Lt. Governor, Isleta Pueblo

5:00

END DAY ONE

Wednesday, 27 July

8:00

Arrival

8:30

Greeting

- The Honorable Chandler Sánchez, Chairman, All-Indian Pueblo Council (invited)

8:45

Opportunities for Developing Reservation Infrastructure *This panel discusses best practices and consider ways that tribes, their agencies, and tribal businesses can develop IT and other infrastructure so as to expand business and employment opportunities for tribal peoples both on- and off-reservation.*


Andrew Martinez, Project Manager, Nambe Tribal Housing Entity, Moderator; David Melton, CEO, Sacred Power Solar; Isaac Perez, Executive Director, San Felipe Housing Authority; John Badal, CEO, Sacred Wind Communications

10:15

Break (with light refreshments)

10:30

Using Low Income Housing Tax Credits to Develop Reservation-based Affordable Housing *This panel discusses the use of LIHTC and related strategies for developing affordable housing on the reservations*



Thomas Andrews, Thomas Development, Moderator; Al Joseph, Director, Ysleta del Sur Housing Department; Deborah Webster, consultant; Patricia Ray, Chapter Member, Chaco River Apartments; Tomasita Duran, Executive Director, Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority

12:00

LUNCH (non-sponsored)

1:30 p

Concurrent Break-out sessions

These practica, moderated by tribal leaders, will provide conference participants with the opportunity to understand in greater depth the movement from assessment and survey data collection to planning and execution in each of the following areas:

- Developing Reservation Infrastructure, John Badal, Moderator
- Developing Financial Capacity, Marvin Ginn, Moderator
- Using LIHTC to develop Reservation-based Affordable Housing, Deborah Webster, Moderator
- Developing Economic Opportunities for Enrolled Tribal Members, Paul Torres, Moderator
- Planning Sustainability, Jamie Blosser, (Sustainable Native Communities Collaborative), Moderator

Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend two sessions, as the Break-out session will consist of two parts, from 1:30–2:40 and from 2:50-4:00 p.m.

4:00

Break (with light refreshments)

4:15

Plenary: Break-out session reports and plenary group discussion

5:15

Closing Ceremonies (Santo Domingo Color Guard)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY WORKSHOPS

Thursday, 28 July

8:00

Registration *(for those coming only to technical assistance workshops)*

8:30

HUD Title VI and Section 184, Andrea Dunyon, Loan Guarantee Coordinator, HUD Region IX (Chaco I)

The Section 184 Program is designed to offer home ownership, property rehabilitation, and new construction opportunities for eligible tribes, Indian Housing Authorities and Native American individuals and families wanting to own a home on their native lands. The purpose of the Title VI loan guarantee is to assist [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\)](#) recipients (borrowers) who want to finance eligible affordable housing activities, but are unable to secure financing without the assistance of a federal guarantee.

8:30

SBA Small Business Basics for Native Entrepreneurs, Yolanda Garcia Olivarez, Regional Administrator, SBA New Mexico Office (Chaco II)

The decision process for a Native American to decide if entrepreneurship is a good decision, and, if so, considerations regarding how to establish a business, form of business and resources available to assist the Native small business owner.

8:30

HHS Project Planning and Development Training, Kesley Edmo, Project Specialist
Administration for Native Americans (All Day) (Chaco III)

The project planning and development trainings are designed to provide prospective ANA applicants with skills to plan successful community development projects. Participants learn how to work with community and key partners to identify and document specific community problems that stand in the way of meeting community goals, create a project work plan to address those problems and attain community goals, develop measurable outcomes and impacts to the community, and determine the level of resources and funding needed to implement the project. Grants to be considered include SEDS, Development Projects, Social Development Projects, Native Language Preservation and Maintenance, and Environmental Regulatory Enhancement.

8:30

Next Steps Network, LLC – Stacey Epperson, President and CEO, (Private Dining Room)
Next Step™: Affordable Housing Done Right

10:00

Commerce – Mid-Region Council of Government, Ann H. Simon, Economic
Development Program Manager (Silver Room)

The Mid-Region Council of Governments is a designated U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) District Organization, providing planning and technical assistance to entities interested in economic development. The District organizations can serve a vetting role to ascertain a project's competitiveness for funding from EDA; can assist in finding projects, identifying match funds and developing strong applications for funding; can conduct research, provide mapping and/or economic modeling; and can serve as the Fiscal Administrator for successful applicants. Ms. Simon will highlight some successful projects in the MRCOG region, outline the recommendations in the regional economic development strategy, and will be available for one-on-one consultation.

10:00

USDA – Terry Brunner, USDA Rural Development State Director (Turquoise Room)
Rural Repair and Rehabilitation, Rural Housing Site Loans, Community Facilities, Infrastructure, and Rural Energy Financing.

10:00

Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas – Mark Loya, Senior Affordable Housing Analyst
(Antelope Room)
Affordable Housing Program Grants from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas

10:00

New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority - Eric Schmieder, Director (Private Dining Room)